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For: MEDICAL IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND MEDICAL IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

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I Sadato AKAHORI citizen(s) of Japan, residing at Minami, Ashigara-shi JAPAN, declare:

That I made and conceived the invention described and claimed in patent application No. 09/987,377, filed in the United States of America on November 14, 2001 titled MEDICAL IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND MEDICAL IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS.

That I made and conceived this invention while employed by Fuji Photo Film Co. Ltd. That the invention is related to the work I am employed to perform and was made within the scope of my/(our) employment duties. That the invention was made during working hours and with the use of facilities, equipment, materials, funds, information and services of Fuji Photo Film Co. Ltd.

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